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TO: Chief, WHD

INFO.: Chief, SAS; Chief of Station, WAVE

FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: Contact Report/LITAMIL-9

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PBRUMEN LITAMIL 9

Attached herewith are contact reports of meetings with LITAMIL-9 on 17 and 29 July 1963.

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Contact Report

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE [illegible]

FROM : Lawrence [illegible]

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 17 July 1963

1. An unexpected meeting was held with LITAMIL-9 at 2106 hours 17 July -- Barker had a scheduled meeting with AMSAIL-1 at the corner of Ejercito Nacional and Melchor Ocampo at 2100 hours but A-1 was not in place at 2103 when B made his second pass -- B then stopped by the corner of Gutenberg and Thiers where there is a pay phone -- to make a call to A-1 -- but as B's car pulled up LITAMIL-9 stepped out of the bushes and said, in English, "Here I am." L-9 got in the car and [illegible] drove away -- the mystery was clarified then; L-9 explained that he had called B's home about 2030 hours and spoken with B's wife who said [illegible] and would probably be back in about half an hour -- L was on his way to phone again (from the pay phone at Gutenberg & Thiers -- usual pick up point) when he saw Barker pass by -- later spotted the car pull up to the corner -- he assumed by this time that Barker had spoken with his B's wife, and received the word that L was looking for him that night -- thus a coincidence. [illegible] explained his presence in the area (partly true) by saying he was casing for better pick up points -- no mention was made of another scheduled meeting (with A-1). [illegible] drove out the Queretaro highway to the vicinity of the Dawn Motel where the meeting was held. L-9 was dropped off at 2325 hours.

2. L revealed again his concern about security since the new ambassador and cultural counselor are such sharp people, hence much more dangerous. The elements of a complete clandestine communications system were explained to L -- regular, scheduled and non-scheduled, [illegible] and warning -- and some progress was made in working out the details.

3. L reported that he [illegible] to [illegible] to inaugurate an exhibit of Cuban engravings, [illegible] at the Escuela de Comercio [illegible] No. [illegible] the night of 20 July. L will leave about [illegible] July -- return about 21 July. [illegible] Jose [illegible] Cuban Consulate [illegible] cultural [illegible] -- and will last about two weeks.

4. He reported the following additional developments:

(a) A big celebration of the 26th of July [illegible] will be held in [illegible] suburb of Tampico. This celebration -- sponsored by the [illegible] Jose Marti -- will take place in the salon of the Cerveceria [illegible] Corona (Brewery). The principal speaker will be Hector PICO Colina. The event will take place at [illegible].

L-9 suggested we might want to have a photographer there and might wish to drop a stink bomb or [illegible].

(b) [illegible] who was introduced to Jacqueline KENNEDY during the President's trip to Mexico, is a supporter of [illegible] and who apparently [illegible] the interest of Mrs. Kennedy, has been invited "to make an exhibition" in the United States and is planning to go there. L had no further details.

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She was introduced to the First Lady by (fnu) BARRIOS. [illegible] (phonetic).

(c) [illegible], the new Cultural Counselor, told [L] that [illegible] (phon), Cuban Ambassador in Moscow is going to be recalled soon because he has done much harm there to Cuban-Soviet relations.

(d) APARICIO also reported that the magazine BOHEMIA in Cuba is having serious trouble obtaining newsprint.

(e) APARICIO said that when he was in Prague he had trouble with the climate -- asked to be sent to some other European country -- was surprised at the suddenness of his transfer to Mexico.

(f) (In response to a question as to who should be the man we might most easily recruit among the Embassy staff) [L] said he has doubts about JORRIN's loyalty to the Castro regime. Believes JORRIN might be recruitable but wouldn't dare do it himself (L assured L we would never ask him to undertake such a risky venture). JORRIN goes window shopping along San Juan de Letran often -- might be approachable there.

(g) Only two Cubans were invited to the French Ambassador's residence on Bastille Day (14 July) -- Ambassador HERNANDEZ Armas and L. Each went separately but L returned in the Ambassador's car. The Amb was clearly impressed with L's standing with the French -- L is a close friend of the French Military Attache to whom he introduced the Amb -- and the Amb kept L by his side during the celebration -- L speaks good French. At this affair, DUNN of the Soviet Embassy spoke in a superficial manner of international politics and it became clear that the Cuban Amb is a partisan of the Soviets in the dispute with Red China. DUNN remarked that he would be leaving soon but would be replaced with "another young man, just as sharp as I am." DUNN and the Amb agreed that current American policy for Latin America is designed to give the impression that such governments as the one in Argentina represent a democratic advance when in fact they are fronting for the military.

(h) An Ecuadorean youth named Ulises ESTRELLA was in the Embassy on [illegible] July -- spoke with APARICIO. He represents a group of pro-Castro writers in Ecuador and is trying to go to Cuba -- will probably get there. He has [illegible] mustache and beard -- brought a book as a gift for APARICIO.

(i) APARICIO is busy working on the forthcoming Congress of Architects which is to take place in Havana. He is dealing principally with a man named IANEZ on this matter. [illegible] says that the US Government has been spending lots of money to have the seat of the congress [illegible] some other place -- without success. A check for [illegible] dollars, representing subscription fees paid by Mexican delegates to the congress, has been sent to Havana.

(j) [illegible] in the Embassy seem unduly upset by the restrictions on dollar currency transactions with Cuba.

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(k) [L] turned over to B (for return) a handbill put out by the Escuela Normal Rural de Santa Teresa Coahuila, dated 10 June 1963, explaining that schools invitation to Fidel Castro to act as sponsor of the 1958-1963 graduating class. Copy attached.

(l) [L] turned over a pornographic cartoon (for return) distributed by pro-Castro elements in Tampico. Copy not attached.

(m) Wilfredo of the Cuban Consulate, Tampico, reported that Luisa CALDERON has a sister residing in Reynosa, Tamps, married to an American of Mexican descent. Luisa may go up to the border to visit her sister soon -- or her mother may make the trip -- details not clear.

5. [L-9] reports that he is very well "in" with the new ambassador who seems to respect him highly and to admire him for his contacts. He is also getting along very nicely with his new boss, APARICIO. His information gathering method is still to keep his eyes and ears open and ask no questions -- thus he often gets only fragments -- while questions or discreet elicitation might fill in detail he is extremely wary lest he arouse any suspicion.

6. While he suggested we might want to toss a few stink bombs at the engraving exhibit on the 20th in Tampico and the subsequent celebration of the 26th in Ciudad Madero -- he was also concerned lest any disruption might get him in trouble since he is the principal organizer of both affairs -- felt that the Mexican Government might think the disruption was engineered by the Castro Cubans, themselves, to throw suspicion on the antiCastroites.

7. [L-9] is really worried about his security and it will be up to us to take every practical precaution to protect him. He loves to talk -- quite a conversationalist -- and needs constant encouragement and shoring-up. He is ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ inclined to pat himself on the back quite often and wait for a further pat from his case officer (which B is always quick to add). This characteristic comes out in his conversation when he stops and says, "I did very well there, didn't I?" or "That was a good ~~xxxxxxx~~ idea I had, wasn't it?" or " I think my ideas on handling such-and-such are pretty clever, don't you?"

8. For the present it has been decided to keep holding meetings in B's car -- always at night. The pick up point has been abandoned in favor of a mobile pick up -- [L] will start at the corner of Thiers and Melchor Ocampo at the prescribed hour and move slowly up the street to Thiers and Gutenberg -- then, without stopping, will work his way back down the opposite side of the street to Melchor Ocampo -- B will cruise by in his car and make the pick up while [L] is walking. Other commo details will be worked out at the next meeting.

Lawrence F. [illegible]

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